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The American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality has changed its name to "The American Child Hygiene Association," a title much more useable than the old one, and one suggesting a much larger field of work. Doctor S. Josephine Baker of the New York City Health Department is the president for the year 1919.

Ohio.—Annie J. Cunningham is being employed by the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to undertake special work in the rural schools. She will spend from six weeks to two months in various counties of the state, making physical examinations of the school children and organizing the community for public health work. The work has the approval of the State Department of Health and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and will be under the direction of Helena R. Stewart, Director of Public Health Nursing of the State Department of Health. Miss Cunningham has, for the past year, been the Public Health Nurse in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Upon entering her duties there she was accorded the unique honor of being elected an honorary member of the Logan County Medical Society. When she resigned her position, she was accorded the further honor of being elected an honorary life member of the County Society.

Canton.—Lela Grey Goddard, formerly with the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago and Red Cross Visiting Nurse for Cuyuga Falls, has accepted the position of Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society of Canton. This Society does all the visiting nurse work for Canton. Miss Goddard has a staff of three nurses.

Wisconsin.—Myra W. Kimball, formerly School Nurse in Green Bay, Wisconsin, is now Supervisor of Nurses in the Health Department of LaCrosse. The staff consists of three graduate nurses and three pupil nurses and the city is divided into three districts in which general public health nursing is done.

Illinois, Chicago.—The Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund has just published a most attractive little booklet called "The Well Baby Primer," written by Dr. Caroline Hedger and intended for use in classes in Americanization of foreign-born mothers. On the cover a very striking picture of a beautiful baby climbing a ladder, presumably towards perfect health, makes the book seem unusually inter-

esting. Instructions to the teachers who will use the book are given on the inside of the cover and each page contains one lesson. The book is set up in regular primer fashion with a picture and a list of the new words at the top and pertinent sentences about the baby filling the rest of the page as the reading lesson. One of the teachers who has already started to use the book says it has made a great impression on the mothers, who feel that they can't learn to read it all fast enough. Another book of interest to child welfare nurses and all who teach Little Mothers' Leagues is a small booklet entitled "Children Well and Happy," written by May Bliss Dickinson, R.N., and published under the auspices of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs. This book is written for girls who read English fairly well, and each chapter makes one interesting lesson. The foreword is written by Mrs. Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts.

A course of eleven lectures on current events, on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30, is being given at the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. Registration for the first lecture was so large that it was almost necessary to divide the class, as two hundred students, among them many Visiting and Infant Welfare nurses, are taking the course.

Connecticut.—Margaret K. Stack, formerly Supervisor of the New Haven Visiting Nurse Association, is now Field Director in the Child Welfare Department of the Connecticut State Council of Defense. Her headquarters are in the State Capitol, Hartford.

New Haven.—The New Haven Visiting Nurse Association has recently received in a very substantial manner, the hearty endorsement of the public spirited community of which it is a very important unit. In response to the presentation of a budget of \$82,000, the probable expense for the effective administration of the Association during 1919, a campaign for funds was held from January 13th to 16th inclusive. From the first contribution of a dime, from a tuberculosis boy patient, to the several of five thousand dollars each, a splendid spirit prevailed, and the gratifying total of \$107,000 at the end of the third day, manifested an enthusiastic support, that undoubtedly represented the value placed upon the service rendered in behalf of public health.

The unusually large attendance at the 13th Annual Meeting of the New Haven Visiting Nurse Association, held in United Church Chapel, on January 22, was very gratifying, in that it showed a steadily increasing interest in Public Health work, and in the growth and development of the local association. It was a most interesting meeting. The nurses had had a year of work surprising in volume, and stimulating in its variety, quality and accomplishment. The series

of charts, explained concisely and clearly by Mrs. C. E. A. Winslow, chairman of the Nurses' Committee, demonstrated the activity of each department, General, Tuberculosis, and Child Welfare, and impressed the audience with the growth of the work of the Association during the thirteen years of its existence. Lillian Prudden, President of the Association, reviewed the work of the year, with special emphasis upon the baby saving campaign and the influenza epidemic, both unlooked-for incidents in the established routine, and both presenting problems which the outline for the future must decide and answer. A report by Mary Grace Hills, Superintendent of Nurses, was made very effective by the aid of stereoptican views, showing conditions in many homes where the nurses are giving an all embracing care to families in which there may be one or more sick and where the educational work is by no means the least of their duties.

Reports by the Secretary and Treasurer showed the Association to be in a flourishing condition. The most gratifying incident of the meeting was the announcement by Helen Porter that a new home for the Association had been purchased, the whole amount for which had been given by members of the Board of Managers and six others who were greatly interested in Public Health work.

Through the generosity of the Woman's Committee of the Connecticut State Council of Defense, the Child Welfare Department of the Connecticut State Council of Defense was given \$1,900 to be used for scholarships to train registered nurses in Public Health Nursing. These scholarships were to be awarded on the condition that the recipients return to Connecticut and work one year in some of the towns that are waiting for trained Public Health nurses before starting their work. The fund was sufficient to provide eight scholarships, but because many of the applicants did not have the necessary qualifications, and some who were eligible sent their applications in too late to be considered, only five were awarded, to the following nurses: Beatrice Olson, Naugatuck, Conn.; Marjorie Vail, Hartford, Conn.; Helen Sheils, New Haven, Conn.; Jean Manning, New Haven, Conn.; Sara Keevers, New Britain, Conn.

These nurses went to Boston January 31st, where they will take the four months' course given under the joint management of Simmons College and the Instructive District Nurses Association. Connecticut is very fortunate in being able to award these scholarships. It is the beginning of the realization of one of the aims of the Child Welfare Department; namely, to have a public health nurse in every town or group of towns.